

## LACDMH PARTICIPATES IN MHSA STUDENT FILM EVENT



The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) participated in a film screening and panel discussion sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOAC) at the University of Southern California (USC) presented by non-profit group *Art With Impact* on Tuesday, April 23 from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.



At the event, students watched three selected short films created by fellow students relating to mental health issues such as depression and obsessive compulsive disorder. The group discussed feelings that arose from watching the films in small groups. A panel discussion closed the event, comprised of Kathleen Piché, L.C.S.W., LACDMH Public Affairs Director, Terica Roberts, L.M.F.T, LACDMH Transition Age Youth Navigator, members of the USC Student Counseling Center, a student with lived experience and Jennifer Whitney, MHSAOAC Communications Director. The role of the panel was to answer specific questions that arise about mental health issues for the students while watching the films, such as, "What should I do if someone I know needs help?" or "What resources are available for friends and family members?" Resources and guidance were provided by all panel members.



*Art With Impact* connects film with action. For more information on this program, contact Cary McQueen, Executive Director. All winning films are posted on the website: <http://www.artwithimpact.org/awi/winners>.